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## Weekly Promotions

**Fiesta Mondays:** With a coupon from your local Del Taco Restaurant, fans can get an MVP or Field Box Ticket at half price.

Tuesdays at Banner Island Ballpark are **KRAFT Singles Tuesdays** Night Tickets. Bring a KRAFT singles package wrapper to any Tuesday home game, and redeem it a Buy One Ticket Get One Free offer from KRAFT Singles. The buy-one, get-one free ticket deal is good for the Field Box and MVP Sections, and is based on availability. Go to kraftsingles.com for more information.

Medcore HP **Silver Slugger Wednesdays:** Silver Sluggers Club Members can recieve free entry to all Wednesday home games. All fans can play **Baseball Bingo,** presented by Food 4 Less/ Rancho San Miguel Markets. Food 4 Less will also give a free burrito to each person in a lucky row at the game.

**Thirsty Thursdays:** At each Thursday home game, 16 oz. beverages are only $2.00 (Domestic drafts served until 8:00 p.m. ) as part of the Thirsty Thursday promotion, presented by Valley Brew & 97.7 and 98.3 KWIN.

**Metro PCS Sundays:** With a voucher from Metro PCS (located in College Square), you can get $1 tickets for the Metro PCS Home Run Hill, good for all Sunday games. Every Sunday is also **Autograph Sunday,** where fans have the opportunty to get select Ports players' autographs before the game. Fans can purchase an **All-You-Can-Eat barbecue package** that includes a ticket to the game on Sundays. Sundays are also **Everday Eddie's Kids Club** days, presented by Subway. Kids Club members get in free to all Sunday home games!

*(Applications to join the Everyday Eddie's Kids Club, presented by Subway, and the Medcore HP Silver Sluggers club are available online at www.stocktonports.com and the Ports front office.)*

**JUNE**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 7 HD 2:05p | 8 OFF DAY | 9 @ MOD | 10 @ MOD | 11 @ MOD | 12 @ VIS | 13 @ VIS |
| 14 @ VIS | 15 MOD 7:05p | 16 MOD 7:05p | 17 MOD 7:05p | 18 SJ 7:05p | 19 SJ 7:05p | 20 SJ 7:05p |
| 21 SJ 2:05p | 22 ALL STAR BREAK | | 24 | 25 @ SJ | 26 @ SJ | 27 @SJ |
| 28 LAN 6:05p | 29 LAN 7:05p | 30 LAN 7:05p | | | | |

HOME
ROAD

**JULY**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 5 @ BAK | 6 @ BAK | 7 @ VIS | 8 @ VIS | 9 @ VIS | 10 BAK 7:05p | 11 BAK 7:05p |
| 12 BAK 6:05p | 13 BAK 7:05p | 14 OFF DAY | 15 @ LE | 16 @ LE | 17 @ LE | 18 @ LE |
| 19 @ LAN | 20 @ LAN | 21 @ LAN | 22 MOD 7:05p | 23 MOD 7:05p | 24 MOD 7:05p | 25 @ SJ |
| 26 @ SJ | 27 @SJ | 28 SJ 7:05p | 29 SJ 7:05p | 30 SJ 7:05p | 31 @MOD | |

## Upcoming Events

July 2nd – Post-Game Fireworks
July 3rd – Fireworks Extravaganza and Independence Day Celebration
July 10 – Fireworks and Japanese-American Baseball Heritage Night w/ Satoshi Hirayama
July 11 – A's Night w/ Archie Gilbert Bobblehead Giveaway and A's Throwback Jersey Auction Pumpsie Green Appearance
July 12 – Annual Root Beer Float Day


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# PORTS ALUMNI

## Ports to honor "Fibber" Hirayama
### *Japanese-American a standout athlete*

Stockton, Calif.—Being a minor league team, the Stockton Ports have been a step hundreds of ballplayers have taken in their path toward the major leagues.

The Ports were actually a stop for one of the first few Americans to play in the Nippon Professional Baseball League—Satoshi "Fibber" Hirayama.

The Ports are proud to honor Hirayama, a member of the 1952 Stockton Ports, in their first ever Japanese-American Baseball Heritage Night.

Hirayama began playing baseball as a child, and was sent with his family to an internment camp in Poston, Ari. at the age of 12 during World War II. Baseball was a popular and important diversion for interned Japanese-Americans because it gave them a sense of normalcy during the war.

Following the war, Hirayama and his family returned to California, where he attended Fresno State. He earned a football scholarship, and played halfback. He turned to baseball in the spring, and had a tremendous career with the Bulldogs on the diamond. He set a college record with five stolen bases in one game and stole 76 in a season. He was an All-Conference player and batted .420 in 1950. He was the team captain for two years and was twice voted the Most Popular Player at the National Baseball Congress tournament.

Hirayama was signed by the St. Louis Browns, becoming among the first Japanese Americans signed to a professional baseball contract, and spent the 1952 season—his only one in any American professional baseball league—with the Stockton Ports. That season, he batted .264 and stole 20 bases. He walked 71 times with just 23 strikeouts in 92 games.

But then he took a break in his professional playing career. From 1953 to October 1945, Hirayama served in the U.S. military.

In 1955, at the urging of Kenichiro Zenimura, an important Nisei baseball legend, he signed with the Hiroshima Carp and played baseball in the Nippon Pro Baseball league in Japan. He was a two-time All-Star in the NPB, in a career that spanned to 1964. A feature article written about him in 1958 in Sports Illustrated describes his speed and power, and his role as a leader with the Carp. Hirayama also competed



Front row: Dave Mann, Fibber Hirayama, Marvin Stille, Jack Cole, Bat Boy; Tony Freitas, Hank Moreno, Ken Thomas. Middle row: John Noce, Frank Romero, Harry Clements, Andy Miller, Sam Sandoval, Bud Watkins. Top row: Larry Mann, Herbert Johnson, Tom Castles, Don Schoettgen, John Crocco, Wayne Clary.

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in the Japanese-MLB All-Star Games, facing off against stars like Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial and Whitey Ford.

Following retirement from playing, Hirayama turned to scouting and returned to California. He served as a scout for the California Angels and the Hiroshima Carp, helping to sign Tim Ireland, who managed the Ports in 1992. He was also a Clovis Unified School District teacher and administrator for 30 years.

Last October, he was honored by Gateway High School in the Clovis Unified School District, as the school named their gymnasium and event center after him. Hirayama was the school's first principle when it opened at Herndon Avenue in Clovis in 1975.

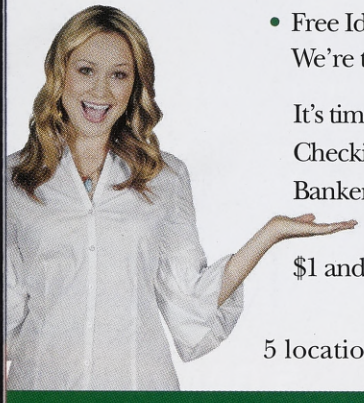
This spring, Hirayama was awarded the President's Medal of Distinction by Dr. John Welty, the president of Fresno State, for his athletic career at Fresno State and professionally.

The Ports are proud to welcome Hirayama back to Stockton and to honor his achievements at Japanese-American Baseball Heritage Night.




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# PORTS ALUMNI

## Archie Gilbert Rockin' with the 'Hounds

*2008 Post Season MVP succeeding in Double A*

Stockton, Calif.—For many Ports fans, it's not a shock to hear that Midland is leading not only the Oakland organization or the Texas League in team batting average. After all, Ports fans got to witness firsthand the offensive power of current Rockhounds players like Chris Carter, Josh Donaldson, Matt Sulentic, Josh Horton, and Archie Gilbert. Each of those players helped power the Ports to their 11th California League Championship in 2008.

For many fans, it's also no surprise to hear that Archie Gilbert has continued to perform at a high caliber, including leading the A's organization and being a Texas League leader in batting average.

In 52 games played so far this season, Gilbert is batting .328 (66x201) with a home run and 26 RBI and 14 stolen bases. He leads the team in stolen bases, and ranks among league and A's organization leaders in that category as well. He had a 12-game hitting streak from May 25 to June 8, batting .423 (22x52) in that span with two doubles, a triple and six RBI.

Gilbert's high-octane performance is another reason why the Midland Rockhounds are leading their division with a 32-25 record, and boasting a .300 (624x2078) team batting average. Gilbert's been a fixture for the Rockhounds in the outfield, splitting time between left field and center field. He's one of the top fielding outfielders on Midland, with a .991 fielding percentage with 110 putouts and three assists this season.

His success in 2009 is a definite continuation of his hard work in 2008. Gilbert capped off a terrific 2008 season as the 2008 California League Postseason MVP. Gilbert batted more than .600 in the postseason and drove in eight RBI in the championship series against Lancaster alone.

Gilbert, who was also a California League midseason All-Star, ended the 2008 season with a .278 (133x478) average, 30 doubles, five triples, seven home runs and 49 RBI. Gilbert also stole 35 bases for the third straight year. He was tied for second in the A's organization in stolen bases last year.

He had a California League season-high 25-game hitting streak from April 14 to May 13, batting .320 (33x103) in that span. He also had a 20-game hitting streak from July 21 to August 14, batting .357 (30x84). Gilbert also hit for the cycle on June 19 at High Desert last season.

Gilbert first joined the A's organization in December 2007 after being signed as a free agent. He was originally signed by Boston in 2005 as a non-drafted free agent, following a highly successful career at Cal State East Bay. He was named "Male Athlete of the Year" in 2005, and left Cal State East Bay with several career records, including hits.

The Ports are proud to celebrate his success by giving away an Archie Gilbert bobblehead to the first 1,000 fans on A's Night on Saturday, July 11.

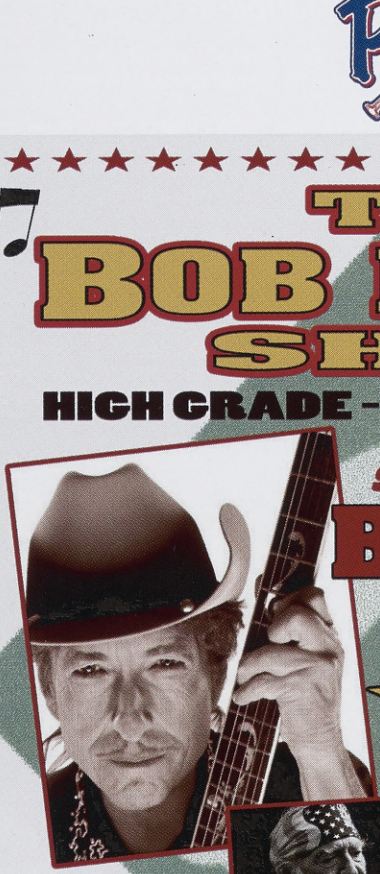


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# PUMPSIE GREEN

## Ports Honor Green in 50th anniversary of MLB Debut

*Pumpsie Green integrated the Boston Red Sox in 1959*

Among all the Stockton Ports that have made baseball history over the years, from setting a California League record or becoming a MLB All-Star, only one has helped break the color barrier in the major leagues: Elijah "Pumpsie" Green.

Pumpsie Green was born on October 27, 1933, and grew up in Oakland, California. As a child, he listened to Oakland Oaks games and dreamed of playing in the Pacific Coast League--the League which gave rise to such athletes as Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio.

While playing baseball with the Contra Costa Community College, Green attended an open tryout held by the Oakland Oaks, a Pacific Coast League team. He was signed, and eventually sent to the Stockton Ports team in 1955.

The shortstop had a terrific season with the Ports in 1955. He batted .319 with 31 doubles, 11 triples, 12 home runs and 83 RBI. He also stole 31 bases that season.

For his performance, Green was named the California League post-season All-Star shortstop and selected as the California League MVP.

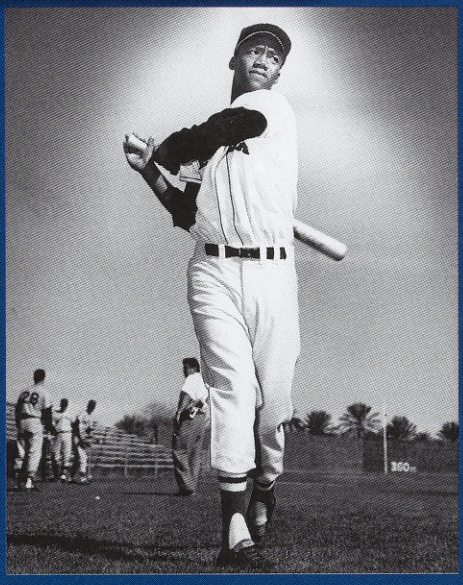
But Green never made it up to the Oakland Oaks. His contract was purchased by the Boston Red Sox in the middle of the 1955 season.

Rather than heading to Montgomery, Ala. to play in the Red Sox organization, Green requested to finish the season with the Ports.

In 1956, Green traveled to Sarasota, Fla. to participate in Spring Training. He played in the Eastern League and Texas League, before moving up to play for the San Francisco Seals in 1957. With a .333 batting average, he helped the Seals capture the PCL crown.

In 1959, Green went to Spring Training in Scottsdale, Ariz., still facing the team's segregation and racism.

But Green made his major league debut on July 21, 1959. He became the first African American to play with the Boston Red Sox, the last major league team to integrate.



More than a decade before, the great Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Green finished the 1959 season with a .233 average, with most of his playing time coming from second base, rather than his usual shortstop position.

Green spent a total of five seasons in the major leagues, four with the Red Sox and one with the New York Mets. He compiled a .246 batting average, with 31 doubles, 12 triples, 13 home runs and 74 RBI in 344 total career games.

Green's last season in professional baseball was in 1965, with the Buffalo Bison and Syracuse Chiefs. Following his retirement from the game, Green returned to the Bay Area in California and became a math teacher in the Berkeley school district and baseball coach.

The Ports are proud to honor Pumpsie Green in 2009 and to recognize not only his accomplishments as a Port and a California League MVP, but also his work to help break baseball's color barrier.

Green has made an indelible mark, both in the California League and in the Major Leagues. The Ports are proud to have been a part of his pro career.

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# ELEPHANT DROPPINGS

## Checking in with the Oakland A's Organization After 60 Games

AAA Sacramento River Cats: The reigning champions of the Pacific Coast League are currently in first place of the Pacific Southern division, with a 36-24 record and have a four game lead over the Fresno Grizzles. Sacramento is hitting .257 as a team, which is third in the A's organization and 14th in the league. They hold a 4.05 team ERA, which is good for first in the League and second in the organization. Eric Patterson is leading the Cats with a .297 batting average with four home runs and 25 RBI. Patterson also leads the organization with 23 stolen bases. Tommy Everidge leads the Cats and the organization with 53 RBI. Gio Gonzalez has been solid for Sacramento as well, posting a 2-1 record and 3.08 ERA in 10 appearances with 53 strike outs in 49.2 innings pitched. Ryan Webb has provided 7 wins for Sacramento, which is also an organizational best.

AA Midland RockHounds: The RockHounds post a 33-25 record, which puts them in a first place tie in the Texas Southern Division with the San Antonio Missions and third in the organization. The organization leading batting average of .300 is headed by a majority of the 2008 Stockton Ports California League Championship team, including Archie Gilbert, Chris Carter, Adrian Cardenas and Josh Horton. Out of the Top 10 hitters in the A's organization, five come from the Midland squad, which is lead by Archie Gilbert. Gilbert is batting .328 with one home run and 26 RBI. He leads the organization in batting average and ranks 5th in stolen bases with 14. Adrian Cardenas is continuing his solid season batting .317 with 46 RBI which rank him second and third in the respective categories within the organization. Matt Spencer leads the A's farm system with 12 home runs and the Midland team leads the organization with 51 home runs. The Midland pitching staff is lead by Graham Godfrey, who posts a 5-4 record and 3.66 ERA, which places him in the top ten in both the League and organization. Sam Demel has an organization best 9 saves. As a tem, the RockHounds hold a 4.45 ERA—third in the organization and second to last in the Texas League.

A Kane County Cougars: The Cougars boast a 36-24 record and a top spot in the Midwest League Western Division. Kane County has an organization best with a 3.67 team ERA and a total of 474 strikeouts. Kenny Smalley, 6-1 with a 2.03 ERA is the Midwest League leader in wins and ERA. Smalley has racked up 52 strikeouts in 48.2 innings pitched. Shawn Haviland, Pedro Figueroa and Anthony Capra all rank among the Top Ten organizational pitchers. The Cougars team batting average of .259 places them second in the organization, as does their 49 home runs. Steve Kleen is having a tremendous year batting .282 and is followed by Grant Desme batting .281, which rounds out the Top Ten of the organizational batting leaders. Desme ranks second in the A's farm system with 11 home runs and Kleen sits in 5th in the RBI category with 42.

A Short Season Vancouver Canadians: The Canadians start the season on June 20, at home against the Everett AquaSox, a 7th Inning Stretch, LLC affiliate. The Canadians are gearing up for another great season. In 2008, Vancouver finished the year 34-42. They were last in the organization's team batting rankings but second in the team pitching rankings last year. David Thomas ranked among the Top 10 organizational batters with a .300 average, while Pedro Figueroa ranked among the Top 10 organizational pitchers with a 3.93 ERA last season. The Canadians have a lot of great promotions scheduled this season, including appearances by Cecil Fielder, Bill Lee, Bill Buckner, and Dave Henderson.

# TEAM ROSTERS

## PORTS ROSTER

| # | Yrs Pro | PITCHERS (14+1 DL) | B/T | HT | WT | DOB | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQUIRED (RD/YR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 5 | Bell, Kristian | R/R | 6-0 | 194 | 1/11/84 | Plantersville, TX | Trade/'07 |
| 21 | 2 | Carignan, Andrew | R/R | 5-11 | 205 | 7/23/86 | New London, CT | 5th/'07 |
| 18 | 3 | Currin, Patrick | R/R | 6-0 | 186 | 5/12/84 | Durham, NC | 22nd/ '06 |
| 50 | 5 | Espinal, Leonardo | R/R | 6-4 | 244 | 2/6/1984 | Cabrera, DR | FA/'03 |
| 17 | 2 | Friend, Justin | R/R | 6-1 | 216 | 6/21/86 | Manteca, CA | 13th/ '07 |
| 15 | 3 | Gordon, Derrick | S/L | 5-10 | 188 | 10/16/83 | Beaumont, TX | 26th/ '06 |
| 11 | 2 | Hodsdon, Scott | R/R | 6-2 | 182 | 5/31/85 | Rancho Cucamonga, CA | 6th/ '07 |
| 28 | 1 | Hornbeck, Ben | R/L | 6-5 | 192 | 7/22/87 | Phoenix, AZ | 32nd/'08 |
| 22 | 4 | Italiano, Craig | R/R | 6-4 | 216 | 7/22/86 | Flower Mound, TX | 2nd/ '05 |
| 29 | 1 | LeBlanc, Mathieu | L/R | 6-1 | 175 | 3/10/1987 | Laval, Quebec | 21st/'08 |
| 13 | 2 | *Kerfoot, Chad | R/R | 6-0 | 185 | 4/1/85 | Owings, MD | 30th/ '07 |
| 19 | 5 | Mitchinson, Scott | R/R | 6-3 | 200 | 12/28/84 | Leeming, Australia | Rule 5 (AAA)/ '07 |
| 44 | 1 | Ross, Tyson | R/R | 6-5 | 215 | 4/22/87 | Oakland, CA | 2nd/ '08 |
| 46 | 2 | Sewell, Lance | L/L | 6-3 | 208 | 6/17/1986 | San Antonio, TX | 7th/'07 |
| 10 | 4 | Walters, Nick | L/L | 6-2 | 191 | 9/30/85 | Glendale, AZ | FA/ '07 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| # | Yrs Pro | CATCHERS (2) | B/T | HT | WT | DOB | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQUIRED |
| 31 | 4 | Carter, Yusuf | S/R | 6-2 | 215 | 2/6/1985 | New York, NY | Rule 5 (AAA)/'08 |
| 16 | 2 | Smith, Matt | R/R | 5-11 | 224 | 1/30/86 | McKinney, TX | 14th/ '07 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| # | Yrs Pro | INFIELDERS (5) | B/T | HT | WT | DOB | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQUIRED |
| 2 | 3 | Cobb, Larry | R/R | 5-8 | 174 | 7/10/85 | Bradenton, FL | 27th/ '06 |
| 14 | 6 | Martinez, Frank | S/R | 6-2 | 192 | 7/19/85 | Santo Domingo, DR | NDFA/ '03 |
| 5 | 2 | Richard, Michael | R/R | 5-11 | 186 | 8/20/84 | Lake Charles, LA | 11th/ '07 |
| 9 | 3 | Vitters, Christian | L/R | 6-2 | 198 | 6/26/85 | Anaheim, CA | 10th/'06 |
| 3 | 1 | Weeks, Jemile | S/R | 5-10 | 175 | 1/26/87 | Orlando, FL | 1st/'08 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| # | Yrs Pro | OUTFIELDERS (4) | B/T | HT | WT | DOB | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQUIRED |
| 20 | 3 | Johnson, Todd | L/L | 6-1 | 203 | 12/17/84 | Jackson, MS | 14th/ '06 |
| 12 | 2 | Keough, Shane | S/R | 6-2 | 199 | 9/11/86 | Coto De Caza, CA | 36th/ '05 |
| 24 | 3 | Mitchell, Jermaine | L/L | 6-0 | 211 | 11/2/84 | Daingerfield, TX | 5th/ '06 |
| 7 | 1 | Thomas, David | S/R | 6-2 | 180 | 7/29/86 | Winston-Salem, NC | 14/'08 |

## JETHAWKS ROSTER

| PITCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abad, Fernando | 37 | L | L | 6'2" | 170# | 12/17/1985 | La Romana, Dominican Republic |
| Caspedes, Leandro | 31 | R | R | 5'11" | 160# | 04/19/1987 | Azua, Dominican Republic |
| Duran, Jose | 35 | R | R | 6'1" | 205# | 05/01/1985 | Santiago, Dominican Republic |
| Hallberg, Bryan | 36 | R | R | 6'0" | 185# | 04/23/1985 | Westwood, NJ |
| Hicks, Christopher | 23 | R | R | 6'4" | 205# | 02/17/1987 | Alpharetta, GA |
| Icenogle, Jeff | 30 | L | L | 6'2" | 205# | 05/30/1984 | Van Nuys, CA |
| Kelly, Reid | 16 | R | R | 6'1" | 182# | 10/31/1986 | Seattle, WA |
| Powell, Jordan | 32 | R | R | 6'2" | 205# | 09/25/1984 | Danville, IL |
| Rummel, Philip | 41 | R | R | 6'5" | 235# | 06/26/1985 | Reading, PA |
| Tilghman, Jack | 18 | R | R | 6'2" | 205# | 05/19/1987 | Telford, PA |
| Wagler, Chad | 11 | R | R | 6'1" | 185# | 09/11/1983 | Canton, OH |
| Wolf, Shane | 26 | L | L | 6'3" | 225# | 09/10/1986 | Freeville, NY |
| | | | | | | | |
| CATCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
| Comadena, Jordan | 24 | R | R | 5'10" | 210# | 11/16/1985 | Normal, IL |
| Fixler, Jonathan | 39 | R | R | 6'1" | 205# | 06/13/1986 | Park Ridge, IL |
| | | | | | | | |
| INFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
| Corrado, Craig | 2 | R | R | 6'2" | 185# | 09/10/1984 | Pensacola , FL |
| Flores, David | 20 | R | R | 6'2" | 220# | 10/13/1986 | Union City, CA |
| Jackson, Christopher | 13 | R | R | 5'11" | 185# | 12/30/1986 | Midlothian, VA |
| Suarez, Gabriel | 17 | R | R | 6'0" | 170# | 12/14/1984 | Denver, CO |
| Weston, Matt | 28 | L | L | 6'3" | 215# | 05/20/1984 | Arcadia, CA |
| | | | | | | | |
| OUTFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
| Barnes, Brandon | 10 | R | R | 6'2" | 210# | 05/15/1986 | Orange, CA |
| Cabral, Marcos | 3 | R | R | 5'11" | 185# | 04/04/1984 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| Clemens, Koby | 21 | R | R | 5'11" | 193# | 12/04/1986 | Houston, TX |
| Gaston, Jonathan | 5 | L | R | 6'0" | 210# | 10/13/1986 | , |
| Shuck, Jack | 7 | L | L | 5'11" | 185# | 06/18/1987 | Galion, OH |
| Steele, T.J. | 34 | R | R | 6'3" | 185# | 09/21/1986 | Tucson, AZ |

# BLAZE ROSTER




| PITCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bleier, Richard | | L | L | 6'3" | 195# | 04/16/1987 | Davie, FL |
| Brader, Dustin | 15 | R | R | 6'4" | 220# | 11/13/1985 | Selah, WA |
| Falcon, Ryan | 25 | R | L | 6'0" | 195# | 08/27/1984 | Durham, NC |
| Flores, Adalberto | 34 | R | R | 6'7" | 227# | 11/04/1986 | Humacao, Puerto Rico |
| Gomez, Kennil | 31 | R | R | 6'3" | 170# | 04/08/1988 | Bani, Dominican Republic |
| Lueke, Josh | | R | R | 6'5" | 220# | 12/05/1984 | Highland Heights, KY |
| Main, Michael | 16 | R | R | 6'1" | 170# | 12/14/1988 | Deland, FL |
| Murphy, Tim | 12 | L | L | 6'2" | 190# | 05/07/1987 | Vista, CA |
| Nelo, Hector | 21 | R | R | 6'1" | 200# | 11/05/1986 | Miami, FL |
| Phillips, Zachary | 24 | L | L | 6'1" | 200# | 09/21/1986 | Sacramento, CA |
| Reed, Evan | 44 | R | R | 6'4" | 225# | 12/31/1985 | San Luis Obispo, CA |
| Swanson, Glenn | | L | L | 6'1" | 175# | 05/15/1983 | San Diego, CA |
| Tatusko, Ryan | 20 | R | R | 6'5" | 200# | 03/27/1985 | Merrillville , IN |
| Young, Corey | 29 | L | L | 6'2" | 175# | 12/30/1986 | Shrewsbury, NJ |

| CATCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felix, Jose | 38 | R | R | 5'10" | 198# | 06/28/1988 | Guasave, Mexico |
| Sarmiento, Elio | 36 | R | R | 5'11" | 202# | 06/20/1986 | Carabobo, Venezuela |

| INFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Garcia, Edwin | 13 | S | R | 6'0" | 150# | 03/01/1991 | , Dominican Republic |
| Greene, Jonathan | 32 | R | R | 6'0" | 200# | 09/16/1985 | Boone, NC |
| Kaase, Jacob | | L | R | 6'1" | 185# | 04/14/1986 | Seguin, TX |
| Lawson, Matthew | 1 | R | R | 6'0" | 195# | 11/18/1985 | Springfield, MO |
| Stoneburner, Davis | 5 | R | R | 6'0" | 175# | 01/14/1985 | Richmond, VA |

| OUTFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
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| Beltre, Engel | 7 | L | L | 6'1" | 169# | 11/01/1989 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic |
| Butler, Joey | 10 | R | R | 6'2" | 210# | 03/12/1986 | Moss Point, MS |
| Fry, Eric | | L | R | 5'10" | 190# | 08/09/1987 | Lake Charles, LA |
| Gac, Ian | 33 | R | R | 6'3" | 240# | 08/10/1985 | Seattle, WA |
| Gomez, Mauro | 30 | R | R | 6'2" | 190# | 09/07/1984 | Bani, Dominican Republic |
| Rodriguez, Timothy | | R | R | 6'2" | 210# | 01/24/1987 | Portland, OR |

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| PITCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barnes, Scott | 46 | L | L | 6'4" | 185# | 09/05/1987 | Springfield, MA |
| Brewer, T.J. | 25 | R | R | 6'2" | 200# | 08/30/1984 | Bloomington, IN |
| Broshuis, Garrett | 40 | R | R | 6'2" | 185# | 12/18/1981 | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| Clark, Craig | 16 | L | L | 6'2" | 200# | 07/09/1984 | Phoenixville , PA |
| Edlefsen, Steve | 17 | S | R | 6'2" | 180# | 06/27/1985 | Minneapolis, MN |
| Mixon, David | 43 | R | R | 6'3" | 190# | 09/10/1984 | Americus, GA |
| Odle, Oliver | 25 | R | R | 6'0" | 229# | 07/11/1985 | Stillwater, OK |
| Oseguera, Paul | 48 | L | L | 6'0" | 180# | 01/06/1984 | La Jolla, CA |
| Rodriguez, Wilmin | 37 | L | L | 6'2" | 211# | 05/13/1985 | La Romana, Dominican Republic |
| Runzler, Daniel | 51 | L | L | 6'4" | 215# | 03/30/1985 | Riverside, CA |
| Tanner, Clayton | 33 | R | L | 6'1" | 202# | 12/05/1987 | Monavale, Australia |
| Turpen, Daniel | 36 | R | R | 6'4" | 215# | 08/17/1986 | Corvallis, OR |
| Whitaker, Craig | 10 | R | R | 6'4" | 210# | 11/19/1984 | Lufkin, TX |

| CATCHERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kline, Trent | 28 | S | R | 5'10" | 170# | 07/22/1984 | Columbia, SC |
| Lowenstein, Aaron | 23 | R | R | 6'1" | 195# | 06/09/1985 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Posey, Buster | 7 | R | R | 6'1" | 205# | 03/27/1987 | Leesburg, GA |

| INFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bocock, Brian | 9 | R | R | 5'11" | 185# | 03/09/1985 | Harrisonburg, VA |
| Gillaspie, Conor | 34 | L | R | 6'1" | 200# | 07/18/1987 | Omaha, NE |
| Lormand, Ryan | 49 | R | R | 6'0" | 165# | 10/30/1985 | , |
| Maroul, David | 50 | R | R | 6'2" | 215# | 02/15/1983 | Fort Worth, TX |
| Noonan, Nick | 48 | L | R | 6'0" | 180# | 05/04/1989 | San Diego, CA |
| Stromsmoe, Skyler | 1 | S | R | 5'10" | 175# | 03/30/1984 | Bow Island, Canada |
| Villalona, Angel | 29 | R | R | 6'3" | 200# | 08/13/1990 | La Romana, Dominican Republic |

| OUTFIELDERS | No. | B | T | HT | WT | BORN | BIRTHPLACE |
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| Ambort, Michael | 55 | S | R | 6'1" | 215# | 04/23/1985 | Rockville Centre, NY |
| Ford, Darren | 14 | R | R | 5'11" | 195# | 10/01/1985 | Vineland, NJ |
| Graham, Tyler | 18 | R | R | 6'0" | 180# | 01/25/1984 | Great Falls, MT |
| Jordan, Shane | 2 | L | L | 5'7" | 170# | 11/26/1984 | Sarasota, FL |
| Kieschnick, Roger | 39 | L | R | 6'3" | 200# | 01/21/1987 | Rockwall, TX |
| Neal, Thomas | 21 | R | R | 6'1" | 205# | 08/17/1987 | Inglewood, CA |



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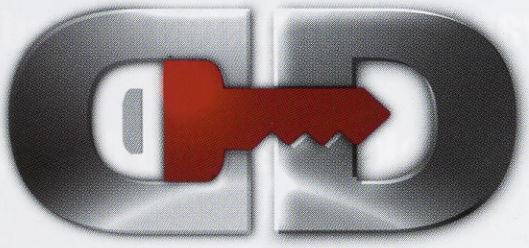
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# YUSUF CARTER



## Behind the Mask with Yusuf Carter

*Interviewed by Mat Keplinger*

Stockton Ports catcher and 2009 California League All-Star, Yusuf Carter, sits down with Mat Keplinger to answer a few MKuestions. Yusuf takes us behind the mask and shares some game day routines, favorite parts about catching and his biggest influences in baseball.

**MK: How long have you been catching for?**

**YC:** This is actually my first full season catching professionally. In pro ball I've bounced back and forth between the outfield and first base. I have never really had a consistent position.

**MK: How have you handled the position changes and the transition to catching?**

**YC:** Well I caught in high school and junior college so I just had to knock all the rust off. I just had to get comfortable back there again and fine-tune my mechanics. I really just let it all come back naturally and didn't rush anything. I really like the control that comes with from being behind the plate. I get to contribute with more than just my offense like in other positions.

**MK: Do you have a favorite part to the defensive side of the game?**

**YC:** Blocking and throwing are definitely my favorite things to do behind the dish. Those are some of the little things that prevent big innings from happening. If I can keep a guy on first by blocking a ball or throwing out a runner, it helps our pitcher get back on the mound and focus on the next hitter.

**MK: What goes into some of your pre-game routine on a day when you are catching?**

**YC:** The pitchers and catchers meet on a daily basis together, and with the pitching coach. We all set a game plan and get on the same page. We go over the opposing team's numbers, if they hit better versus left or right-handed pitchers or if we've played the team before and we know what some of their tendencies are. Even with all that we still play pitch to pitch because things can change every inning or every at-bat.

**MK: Do you get to call your own game?**

**YC:** Yeah, I do get to call my own game. Sometimes the pitching coach may want our pitcher to work on something specific and he'll tell me in between innings, but for the most part the pitcher and myself work together and call the game.

**MK: Have you seen any effect on your hitting since you have been catching?**

**YC:** Well, this has been my best offensive season so far, and hopefully it is because of catching. I can't dwell on hitting because I have to be locked in on defense, it lets me get a fresh head. The game is like a switch, and I can't let offense get in the way of my defense.

**MK: What are some of your game day superstitions?**

**YC:** Routine. If I had a good night, then the next game I eat the same breakfast, get dressed in the same order, listen to the same songs in the same order (laughing). But yeah, I keep a routine going until it stops working.

**MK: What music do you listen to before games?**

**YC:** I listen to Plies, Lil Wayne, and just good mixes to get me going.

**MK: What professional player had the biggest impact on your game growing up?**

**YC:** Ken Griffey Jr., I had the same number and we both played some outfield. Also, my uncle (Joe Carter) because of how he played the game. He always had fun, played the game right, gave it his all and hoped things turned out well. I try to do the same thing.

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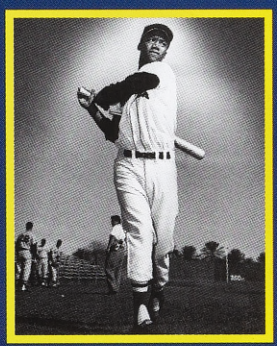
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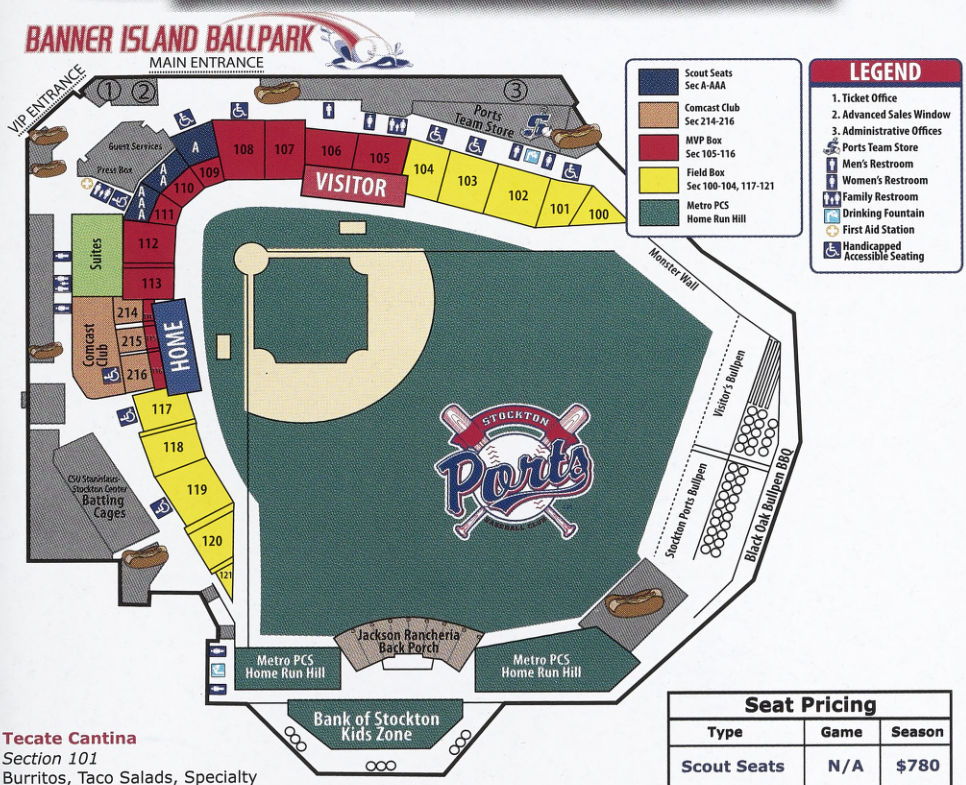
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*Back Porch*
*Metro PCS Home Run Hill*
Sausage Baskets, Jumbo Hot Dogs, Kids Tray, Dibs, Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches, Drumsticks, Frozen Lemon Cups, Peanuts, Sunflower Seeds, Jumbo Pretzels, Beer, Wine, Soda, Bottled Water

| Seat Pricing | | |
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| **Type** | **Game** | **Season** |
| Scout Seats | N/A | $780 |
| Comcast Club Seats | N/A | $710 |
| MVP Box | $11 | $560 |
| Field Box | $8 | $370 |
| Metro PCS Home Run Hill | $6 | N/A |

**Kinder's BBQ Grill**
*Center Field*
Ball-Tip Sandwiches, Burgers, Atomic Links, Chicken Sandwiches, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Soda

**Funnel Cakes and Snow Cones**
*Black Oak Bullpen BBQ*

**Pretzel Cart – Section 108**

**Asparagus Cart – Section 117**

**Gelato Cart – Section 118**

**Sausage Cart – Section 119**

**Churros, Corndogs and Candy Tent – Section 120**


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